

Amendment No. 1 to HB2515

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 2731**

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 7, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Effective July 1, 2020, there are created fifteen (15) additional assistant district attorney general positions, three (3) legal secretary positions, and two (2) criminal investigator positions to be designated in judicial districts as provided in this section.

(b)

(1) The executive director of the district attorneys general conference shall prepare a report that contains the director's recommendations as to the specific judicial districts in which the additional assistant district attorney general positions, legal secretary positions, and criminal investigator positions created pursuant to subsection (a) should be designated. The report must be prepared in consultation with the comptroller.

(2) By September 1, 2020, the executive director of the district attorneys general conference shall file a report prepared pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) with the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate, and the chair of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives. Upon the filing of such report, the district attorneys general recommended by the report to receive additional assistant district attorney general positions, legal secretary positions, and criminal

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investigator positions are authorized to interview and employ persons to fill the positions.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 7, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Effective July 1, 2020, there are created eighteen (18) alternative sentencing coordinator positions to be designated in judicial districts as provided in this section.

(b)

(1) The executive director of the district attorneys general conference shall prepare a report that contains the director's recommendations as to the specific judicial districts in which the alternative sentencing coordinator positions created pursuant to subsection (a) should be designated. The report must be prepared in consultation with the comptroller.

(2) By September 1, 2020, the executive director of the district attorneys general conference shall file a report prepared pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) with the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate, and the chair of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives. Upon the filing of such report, the district attorneys general recommended by the report to receive an alternative sentencing coordinator position are authorized to interview and employ persons to fill the positions.

(c) The duties of the alternative sentencing coordinator include, but are not limited to:

(1) Developing and maintaining a thorough understanding of the alternative sentencing options available in the judicial district, including an accurate inventory of treatment facilities and space availability;

(2) Developing and maintaining a thorough understanding of drug courts, including participation in training or certification programs approved through the local court and the district attorneys general conference;

(3) Providing education and public awareness of programs and treatment opportunities available for offenders, as directed by the district attorney general and in coordination with the district attorneys general conference;

(4) Assessing, after the return of an indictment or presentation, whether an offender's alleged criminal conduct was directly linked to controlled substance abuse;

(5) Identifying offenders who have a willingness and likelihood of successful participation in alternative sentencing, including treatment and other intervention;

(6) Recommending to the district attorney general those offenders who should be considered for alternative sentencing; and

(7) Creating and maintaining an up-to-date list of offenders receiving alternative sentencing.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 14, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

(a) Effective July 1, 2020, there are created four (4) additional assistant district public defender positions and eleven (11) legal secretary positions to be designated in judicial districts as provided in this section.

(b)

(1) The executive director of the district public defenders conference shall prepare a report containing the director's recommendations as to the specific judicial districts in which the additional assistant district public defender positions and legal secretary positions created pursuant to subsection (a) should be designated. The report must be prepared in consultation with the comptroller.

(2) By September 1, 2020, the executive director of the district public defenders conference shall file a report prepared pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) with the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the judiciary committee of the senate, and the chair of the judiciary committee of the house of representatives. Upon the filing of such report, the district public defenders recommended by the report to receive additional assistant district public defender positions and legal secretary positions are authorized to interview and employ persons to fill the positions.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.